

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 50

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A RESOLUTION to honor Michael Short of Cocke County High School for exemplary service to his students and the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Michael Short, music teacher at Cocke County High School, is one such estimable educator who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a native of Kentucky, Michael Short is a 1994 graduate of Evarts High School in Evarts, Kentucky, where he was an accomplished member of the band, having developed a love of music at an early age; and

WHEREAS, continuing his education at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky, Michael Short let no obstacle stand in his path as he pursued a degree in music, paying for his tuition and living expenses through a combination of college grants and his earnings from performing an assortment of odd jobs, yard work, and part/full time work with the college music department faculty; and

WHEREAS, from 1998 to 2002, Mr. Short served as Camp Coordinator for the Stephen Collins Foster Summer Music Camps, the second-oldest music camp in the nation, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues and the campers; and

WHEREAS, also in his home state of Kentucky, Michael Short worked for the Kentucky Music Educators Association (KEMA), assisting in the operation of the KMEA State Marching

Band Championships and the annual In-Service/Professional Development Conference held in Louisville, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, completing his degree in music education, Michael Short joined the faculty of Cocke County High School in the fall of 2000, accepting the position of Choral Director and Assistant Director of Bands; and

WHEREAS, taking the Cocke County High Advanced Chorus to new heights, the talented group has received superior ratings at the J.B. Lyle Choral Festival, with a number of individual students receiving placement in the All-East and All-State choirs; and

WHEREAS, sharing his vast musical knowledge and commitment to excellence, Michael Short has given his personal time and talents, serving as a mentor as well as an instructor, to aide his vocal students in their preparations for auditions as they pursued select choir honors and college scholarships; and

WHEREAS, going above and beyond, Mr. Short's wonderful enthusiasm for teaching as well as the drive and discipline he instills in his students has inspired them to reach for their dreams. They truly believe in themselves, having benefitted from his encouragement and his steadfast belief in their abilities, which are a tribute to his success in the classroom and as a music educator; and

WHEREAS, it is readily apparent that Michael Short loves teaching as much as he loves music and his profoundly noble sense of duty to his students is in the best tradition of the teaching profession; and

WHEREAS, currently President of the East Tennessee Vocal Association, Michael Short is a member of the Music Educators National Conference, the Tennessee Music Educators Association, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia; and

WHEREAS, Michael Scott truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest principles of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Michael Scott, Choral Director and Assistant Director of Bands at Cocke County High School,

for his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.